

### **13<sup>th</sup> Five-Year Plan for Ecological & Environmental Protection “十三五”生态环境保护规划**

On 5 December 2016, the Chinese State Council released the “13th Five-Year Plan for Ecological & Environmental Protection”. The Plan is the leading document for China’s environmental protection during the 13th Five-year Plan period.

#### **Objectives**

Achieving overall improvement of environmental quality by 2020. Green and low-carbon production and way of life will become the main trend, with substantial reduction in pollutants. Meanwhile, environmental risks will be effectively curbed by controlling decline of biological diversity. The ecological system will become more stable, and ecological security barriers will be in place, with material progress in the national environmental governance system and ability.

#### **Key Tasks**

- Strengthening control of pollution sources,
- Enhancing quality management,
- Launching special projects for emission reduction,
- Carrying out overall supervision for risks reduction,
- Enhancing ecological restoration,
- Speeding up institutional innovation
- Conducting a batch of major projects for eco-environment protection.

#### **Measures to support the implementation**

- Making clear responsibilities,
- Increasing investment,
- Enhancing international cooperation,
- Promoting pilot projects
- Conducting strict evaluation.

“The full text (in Chinese) of the “13<sup>th</sup> Five-Year Plan for Ecological & Environmental Protection” is available at: [http://www.gov.cn/zhengce/content/2016-12/05/content\\_5143290.htm](http://www.gov.cn/zhengce/content/2016-12/05/content_5143290.htm))

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